To:	Dartford Joint Transportation Board
By:	KCC Highways and Transportation
Date:	**2nd December 2025**
Subject:	Highways Forward Works Programme: 2024/25 and 2025/26
Classification:	Information Only

Summary: This report updates Members on the identified schemes approved for construction

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1. Introduction

This report provides an update and summarises schemes that have been programmed for delivery in 2024/25 and 2025/26.

In summer 2021 Kent County Council published a Highways Asset Management Plan (HAMP), which included, as Appendix C, a five-year Forward Works Programme for the years 2021/22 to 2025/26. this reflected the need to move away from annual programmes and to consider asset management activity a multi-year one.

The first part of the programme concerned the two years 2021/22 - 2022/23. In October 2022 we replaced this with a programme covering the years 2022/23 - 2023/24, and we have now produced a new two-year programme covering the years 2024-25 – 2025-26. As before, most of the sites included in this programme have already been verified by our engineers.

The second part of our programme related to years three to five of our five-year programme (2023/24 - 2025/26). This too is in need of revision to cover the years 2026/27 - 29028-29 and the work required to do this is currently in progress. As before, our new years three to five programme will be largely based on data from our asset management systems, so may be subject to more changes as the schemes are verified.

This programme is subject to regular review and may change for a number of reasons including budget allocation, contract rate changes, inflationary pressures such as material price increases, conflicting works, and to reflect our changing priorities. The programme and extent of individual sites within the programme may also be revised following engineering assessment during the design phase, and additional sites may be added or others advanced if their condition deteriorates rapidly so that we need to react in order to keep the highway in a safe and serviceable condition.

Further information about how we manage our highway infrastructure, including our county-wide five-year forward works programme, may be found on our website:
https://www.kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/strategies-and-policies/transport-and-highways-policies/managing-highway-infrastructure

In addition to planned maintenance of our highway assets, this report includes transportation and safety schemes, developer funded works, Combined Members Grant schemes, and planned maintenance of public rights of way.

Road, Footway & Cycleway Renewal and Preservation Schemes – see Appendix A

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Conclusion

1. This report is for Members' information.

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Earl Bourner	Drainage Asset Manager
Helen Rowe	Structures Asset Manager
Sue Kinsella	Street Light Asset Manager
Toby Butler	Traffic Operations and Technology Manager
Jamie Hare	Development Agreements Manager
Nikola Floodgate	Road Safety and Active Travel Group Manager
Lee Burchill	Major Capital Programme Manager
Jonathan Dean	Highway Manager Special Projects/HSR/Signs & Lines

Appendix A – Road, Footway and Cycleway Renewal and Preservation Scheme

The delivery of these schemes is weather dependent; should it prove not possible to carry out these works on the planned dates, new dates will be arranged and the residents will be informed by a letter drop to their homes.

Machine Resurfacing – Contact Officer Mr Byron Lovell			
Road Name	**Parish**	**Extent of Works**	**Current Status**
A225 Princes Road	Stone	Between Junction 1b (M25) and Park Road roundabout including roundabout circulation area	Completed
A225 Princes Road	Dartford	Darenth Roaf to Park Road	Completed
B260 Green Street Green Road	Darenth	From Gore Road Roundabout to Ladywood Road	Completed
A2018 Old Bexley Lane	Dartford	A2 Rochester Way to Rochester Way (Dartford Heath Roundabout)	Completed
Hawley Road	Sutton at Hone	Mill Road To Church Hill	Programmed 10th November 2025
A296 Watling Street	Stone	St James Lane to Bean Lane	To be programmed
A225 Lowfield Street	Dartford	Instone Road to Cranford Road	Currently proposed for financial year 2026/27
B260 Green Street Green Road	Darenth	Sandbanks Hill to Whitehill Road	Currently proposed for financial year 2026/27
Parsonage Lane/Darenth Hill	Sutton At Hone/Darenth	Main Road to Green Street Green Road	Currently proposed for financial year 2026/27
Footway Improvement - Contact Officer Mr Neil Tree			
Road Name	**Parish**	**Extent and Description of Works**	**Current Status**
Elm Road (Phase 1)	Dartford	Footway Reconstruction Between Hawthorn Road and Laburnum Avenue.	Designed and currently programmed to commence in January 2026

James Road	Dartford	Footway Reconstruction Full Extent	Completed
Milton Road	Swanscombe	Footway Reconstruction Sections throughout the Entire length	Designed and currently programmed to commence in January 2026
Riverside Way	Dartford	Footway Reconstruction Full Extent	Completed
Windsor Drive	Dartford	Footway Reconstruction Full Extent	Completed
Heath Lane Upper	Dartford	Footway Preservation The western footway from the Oakfield Lane roundabout to the A2 overbridge (including the overbridge).	Completed
Heath Lane Upper	Dartford	Footway Reconstruction The western footway from the A2 overbridge to the PROW.	Completed
Elm Road (Phase 2)	Dartford	Footway Reconstruction Between Hawthorn Road and Oakfield Lane.	Currently proposed for financial year 2026/27
Gore Road	Darenth	Footway Reconstruction Western Footway from the junction with Lunedale Road to approx. No. 14	Currently proposed for financial year 2026/27
Cedar Drive	Sutton at Hone	Footway Preservation From the junction with Devon Road to Main Road	Currently proposed for financial year 2026/27
Harold Road	Hawley	Footway Preservation From the junction with Shire Road to Saxon Road	Currently proposed for financial year 2026/27
Surface Treatments – Contact Officer Mr Aaron Divall			
Road Name	**Parish**	**Extent and Description of Works**	**Current Status**

Fawkham Avenue	Longfield	New Barn Road to Nurstead Avenue	Planned Spring/Summer 2026
Goss Hill	Hawley	Barn End Lane to Lower Road	Planned Spring/Summer 2026
New Barn Road	Southfleet	Station Road to Southfleet Village Gateway	Planned Spring/Summer 2026
Farnol Road	Dartford	Littlebrook Manor Way to Henderson Dr	Planned Spring/Summer 2026
Darenth Road South	Darenth	Darenth Hill to End	Planned Spring/Summer 2026
Summerhouse Drive	Bexley	Joydens Wood Road to Tile Kiln Lane	Planned Spring/Summer 2026
Foxhounds Lane	Southfleet	Station Road to Park Corner Road	Planned Spring/Summer 2026
Heathclose Road	Dartford	Shepherds Lane to Heath Lane Upper	Planned Spring/Summer 2026

Appendix B - Drainage

Drainage Repairs & Improvements - *Contact Officer Earl Bourner*			
Road Name	**Parish / Town**	**Description of Works**	**Current Status**
Forge Lane	Higham	Installation of new gully and pipework.	Works Completed 21/02/2025.
High Street	Northfleet	Drainage pipework repairs	Works Completed 02/05/2025.
London Road (Elephant Pub)	Northfleet	Drainage pipework repair.	Works Completed 03/04/2025.
Harvel Road	Meopham	Drainage kerbing and improvements.	Works Completed 25/04/2025.
Milton Road	Gravesend	Drainage investigation work.	Works Completed 13/06/2025.
Parrock Street	Gravesend	Drainage pipework repair.	Works completed, further work to be raised.
Tanyard Hill	Shorne	Drainage CCTV investigation.(To finish from previous work)	Works completed 18/10/2025.
Wrotham Road (Opposite Spar)	Meopham	Drainage pipework repair.	Awaiting Programming.

Whitepost Lane, Culvertstone	Meopham	Drainage repair work.	Works completed 11/06/2025.
Wrotham Road (A2 Bridge)	Gravesend	CCTV Works completed, discussions being had with Network Rail over lagoon ownership.	Works completed 08/08/2025.
Central Avenue	Gravesend	Drainage repair work	Awaiting programme date.
Harvel Road	Meopham	Drainage repair work.	Works completed 28/09/2025.

Appendix C – Street Lighting

Structural testing of KCC owned streetlights has identified the following as requiring replacement. A status of complete identifies that the column replacement has been carried out. Programme dates are identified for those still requiring replacement.

Street Lighting Column Replacement – *Contact Officer Sue Kinsella*			
Road Name	**Location**	**Description of Works**	**Status**
Nine Elms Grove BNAP501	Pelham	Structural Signpost Replacement x 1	Job issued target completion date 02/09/2025 to be programmed
The Avenue BTAJ503	Pelham	Structural Signpost Replacement x 1	Job issued target completion date 23/01/2026
St Francis Avenue BSCK501,BSCK508	River View	Structural Signpost Replacement x 2	Job issued target completion date 02/09/2025 to be programmed
St Georges Crescent BSCM507	Singlewell	Structural Signpost Replacement x 1	Job issued target completion date 23/01/2026
Valley Drive BVAD511	Singlewell	Structural Signpost Replacement x 1	Now on column BVAD011
Rochester Road BRAE582	Westcourt	Structural Lit Signpost replacement x 1	Job issued target completion date 06/09/2025 to be programmed
St Benedicts BSCD502	Westcourt	Structural L/Col Replacement x	Job completed
St Margarets BSCV001	Westcourt	Structural Replacement L/Col x1	Job issued target completion date 02/09/2025 to be programmed
Alfred Road BAAP005	Woodlands	Structural Replacement L/Col x1	Job completed
Sandown Road BSAM001	Woodlands	Structural Replacement L/Col x1	Job completed
The Fairway BTAT503,BTAT503/603	Woodlands	Structural Replacement Lit Signpost x2	Jobs completed
Barth Street BBAD513	Central	Structural Replacement lit signpost	Job completed
Wrotham Road BWCI052 BWCH013, BWCH016	Woodlands	Structural Replacement L/Col x 3	Jobs programmed 09/12/2025

Singlewell Road BSBK017,BSBK033,BSB	Singlewell	Structural Replacement L/Col x 3	Jobs programmed 07/11/2025
Everest Close BEAV003	Painters Ash	Structural Replacement L/Col x1	Job completed
Vale Road BVAA002	Northfleet South	Structural Replacement L/Col x1	Job issued target completion date 11/10/2025 to be programmed
Goodwood Crescent BGAX001	Woodlands	Structural Replacement L/Col x 1	Job completed
Green Farm Lane BGBG001	Shorne Cobham/Luddesdown	Structural Replacement L/Col x 1	Job issued target completion date 17/10/2025 to be programmed
Orchard Road BOAM012	Northfleet South	Structural Replacement L/Col x 1	Job completed
Watling Street BWJO046, BWJO059	Gravesham	Structural Replacement L/Col x 2	Job issued target completion date 22/09/2025 to be programmed
Clarence Place BCCB001, BCCB502	Central	Structural Replacement L/Col x 1 Structural Lit Signpost Replacement x 1	Jobs issued target completion date 15/10/2025 to be programmed 15/09/2025
Thames Way BTCX505,BTCX504, BTCX558,BTCX559, BTCX560,BTCX561	Pelham	Structural Replacement Lit Signpost x 6	Planned for spring 2026
Coldharbour Road BCCP528,BCCP523	Coldharbour	Decision made to permanently remove both refuge beacons	Job Completed
New House Lane BNAH509	Coldharbour	Decision made to permanently remove refuge beacon	Job issued target completion date 23/09/2025 to be programmed
Instead Rise BIAG501	Instead Rise	Structural Replacement Lit Signpost x1	Job programmed 07/11/2025
Church Street BCBY504,BCBY513	Pelham	Structural Replacement Lit Signpost	Jobs completed
Gravesend Road BGAE533 BGAE532	Higham	Structural Replacement Lit Signpost	Jobs completed

Dover Road East BDBC507	Northfleet South	Structural Replacement Lit Signpost	Job issued programmed 7/11/2025
Arthur Street BAAX508	pelham	Structural Replacement Lit Signpost	Job completed

Appendix D – Transportation and Safety Schemes

Casualty Reduction Measures

The Schemes Planning & Delivery team is implementing schemes Dartford Borough, in order to meet Kent County Council's strategic targets (for example, addressing traffic congestion or improving road safety). Casualty reduction measures have been identified to address a known history of personal injury crashes. Current status correct as of 30th October 2025.

Local Transport Plan Funded Schemes		
Road Name	**Description of Works**	**Current Status**
Casualty reduction measures (reactive) – Dartford		
24-DA-CRM-1481 A226 St Clements Way/London Road, Roundabout, Greenhithe	Enhance road markings and traffic signs for Westbound approach to roundabout to encourage compliance with give way. Lining refresh for entire junction and approaches.	Scheme completed in Quarter 1 2025 (Apr-Jun).
24-DA-CRM-1482 A225/Park Road/B260 Roundabout, Dartford	Road marking refresh using enhanced material specification.	Scheme completed in Quarter 2 2025 (Jul-Sept).
25-DA-CRM-1855 B255 Bean Lane Jct A2 West Bound Slip	Installation of destinations in lanes on the southbound radius of the roundabout.	Scheme completed in Quarter 2 2025 (Jul-Sept).
LTP Schemes – Dartford		
THERE ARE NO PROJECTS OF THIS TYPE TO REPORT		

Externally Funded Schemes

The Schemes Planning & Delivery team is implementing schemes within Dartford Borough funded by external corporations whilst still meeting Kent County Council's strategic targets with the road network.

Externally Funded Schemes – *Contact Officer: Emma Tilbury*			
Road Name	**Description of Works**	**Source of Funding**	**Current Status**
THERE ARE NO PROJECTS OF THIS TYPE TO REPORT			

Major Capital Programme

The Major Capital Programme team is implementing schemes within Dartford Borough in line with Kent County Council's strategic targets with the road network.

Externally Funded Schemes – *Contact Officer: Kirandeep Kunner*			
Project Name	Description	Source of Funding	Current Status
Bean Road Underpass	Infrastructure scheme to provide a Fastrack busway and a footway/cycleway linking Eastern Quarry and Bluewater.	Bus Service Improvement Plans	Initial surveys starting early 2026, and main construction expected to commence in spring 2026. Plans are in place to engage with local residents and Bluewater.
EDC Landscaping Enhancements	Enhanced landscaping across Ebbsfleet area, including highway verges to enhance biodiversity and identity of Ebbsfleet as a garden city.	EDC Grant	Procurement activities for Phase 1 are set for winter 2025, and construction is expected to be completed by summer 2026. Construction for the remaining schemes in Phase 2 are expected to commence construction in winter 2026-2027.
Green Corridors Phase 3	Project to further connect developments around Ebbsfleet Garden City to usable walking and cycling infrastructure. The programme will provide up to 20 small scale improvements and 2 large scale improvements to existing routes alongside up to 6 new routes.	Developer Contributions	Site 6 (National Cycle Route 177 to Hall Road) Contract has been awarded but construction will not commence until the completion of site 8, which is anticipated to be early 2026. Construction on Site 8 (Pepper Hill junction with Hall Road roundabout to Springhead Parkway) and Site 11 (College Road to Vicarage Drive) will begin construction in winter 2025. Site 2 (Thames Way) Phase 3b is in pre-construction and scheduled to start in early 2026. Site 4 (Ebbsfleet Academy Ramp) Phase 2 is targeting spring 2026 for construction.

Appendix E – Developer Funded Works

Developer Funded Works (Section 278 Agreement Works) – *Contact Officer: Dave Miles (unless shown otherwise) Updated 06-02-24.*				
Scheme Name	**MasterGov Ref: -**	**Parish/Town**	**Description Of Works**	**Current Status**
Hedge Place Road	**DA091**	**Stone**	**Provision of new carriageway, footway, drainage & street lighting along frontage of residential development**	**File passed to LADC (Natalie Peach)**
Hedge Place Road	**DA3026**	**Stone**	**Provision of footway to existing properties as part of development see DA091**	**Passed to LADC (Natalie Peach)**
Former GSK Site – Junction B	**DA3050**	**Dartford**	**New signalised junction in Central Road**	**Adopted**
Instone Road	**DA3077**	**Dartford**	**Alteration to existing access for Lidl store**	**Awaiting remedials (Natalie Peach)**
Darenth Road (Acacia Hall)	**DA3091**	**Dartford**	**Provision of improved access (crossing Fastrack) to serve Acacia Hall site.**	**Awaiting As Built Construction records (Natalie Peach)**
Mounts Road	**DA3095**	**Greenhithe**	**Provision of new bell mouth access for access into Eastern Quarry**	**Substantially complete but remains in use for construction access**
Market Street	**DA3106**	**Dartford**	**Town Centre Regeneration Phase 1**	**Adopted**
Highfield Road/West Hill/Spital Street/Westgate Road	**DA3111**	**Dartford**	**Town Centre Regeneration Phase 2 Junction 2**	**Works Completed**
Lowfield Street (Phase 1 south of Heath Street)	**DA3129**	**Dartford**	**Improvements to existing footway as part of residential development by Bellway.**	**Substantially complete site access remains in use**
London Road, Stone	**DA3156**	**Dartford**	**New signalised junction**	**Partially completed, completion works to start in August**
Crossways Boulevard	**DA3205**	**Stone**	**Provision of Access to serve residential development adj. to St Mary's Road.**	**(James Pronger) Work significantly completed awaiting streetlighting sign**

				off
Craylands Lane/London Road	**DA3254**	**Swanscombe**	**Formation of access into residential development with associated highway improvements.**	**Awaiting remedials (Natalie Peach)**
Instone Road/Lowfield Street	**DA3263**	**Dartford**	**Town Centre Regeneration Phase 2 Junction 1**	**Substantially completed remaining work programmed.**
Gilbert Close	**DA3341**	**Swanscombe**	**Alterations to existing highway as part of residential development.**	**Awaiting submission.**
Watling Street	**DA3368**	**Bean**	**Access off A296 to serve Bungalow Yard**	**Awaiting Enforcement by EDC of illegally constructed access**
Home Gardens	**DA3380**	**Dartford**	**Paving improvements and bus shelter adjacent to footbridge on south side**	**Awaiting H & S file.**
High Street	**DA3441**	**Dartford**	**Town Centre Regeneration Phase 1A**	**Substantially complete. Street lighting outstanding.**
Parsons Lane	**DA3447**	**Wilmington**	**Coach Park & traffic calming for schools**	**Substantially complete**
Keary Road	**DA3448**	**Swanscombe**	**Amended access for development at rear of Nos. 111-125**	**Awaiting submission**
Common Lane	**DA3452**	**Wilmington**	**New raised table to replace speed hump**	**Completed RSA3 awaited.**
Hythe Street	**DA3455**	**Dartford**	**Town Centre Regeneration Phase 3**	**S278 reviewed and comments returned to designer.** **(Alan Aston)**
Stone Place Road	**DA3459**	**Stone**	**New bell mouth access**	**Works completed, certificate 1 issued (Jamie Hare)**
London Road	**DA3463**	**Stone**	**New access**	**Agreement Signed awaiting start date**
Lowfield Street	**DA3469**	**Dartford**	**Footway north of Heath St. on east side as part of Bellway development**	**Submission rec'd. comments returned**

St James Lane	**DA3470**	**Stone**	**New bell mouth access to Stone Pit 2 Development**	**Works Underway**
Spital Street	**DA3474**	**Dartford**	**Town Centre Regeneration Phase 3**	**Works to start August 2025** **(Alan Aston)**
Watling Street	**DA3471**	**Stone**	**New traffic signal-controlled junction into Stone Pit 2 development**	**Works Substantially completed. (Jamie Hare)**
London Road **(Cotton Lane)**	**DA3477**	**Stone**	**Access off Roundabout**	**(James Pronger) Works completed awaiting RSA 3**
London Road **(Cotton Lane)**	**DA3465**	**Stone**	**New Right hand turn lane for future development**	**James Pronger Works completed** **awaiting RSA 3**
Lowfield Street	**DA3479**	**Dartford**	**Raised table at Heath St. junction as part of Bellway development**	**Agreement signed start date to be agreed**
Lowfield Street	**DA3483**	**Dartford**	**Revised temporary access for Bellway site**	**Agreement signed start date to be agreed**
Oakfield Lane	**DA3489**	**Wilmington**	**New access to development**	**Awaiting drawings to review**
Hythe Street , Home Gardens , Westgate Road	**DA3491**	**Dartford**	**Regeneration Scheme**	**Drawings under review**
London Road	**DA3493**	**Stone**	**New footway tie in to existing footway**	**Drawings under review**

Appendix F – Bridge Works

Currently, there is no work planned in Dartford district.

Appendix G – Traffic Systems

There is a programme of scheduled maintenance to refurbish life expired traffic signal equipment across the county based upon age and fault history. The delivery of these schemes is dependent upon school terms and holiday periods; local residents, businesses and schools will be informed verbally and by a letter drop of the exact dates when known.

Traffic Systems - *Contact Officer: Toby Butler*		
Location	**Description of Works**	**Current Status**
No Works Planned		

Appendix H - Combined Members Grant programme update

Member Highway Fund programme update for the Dartford Borough.

The following schemes are those, which have been approved for funding by both the relevant Member and by Haroona Chughtai, Director of Highways and Transportation. The list only includes schemes, which are

- in design
- at consultation stage
- about to be programmed
- recently completed on site.

The list is up to date as of 30th October 2025.

The details given below are for highway projects only. This report does not detail

- contributions Members have made to other groups such as parish councils
- highway studies
- traffic/ non-motorised user surveys funded by Members.

More information on the schemes listed below can be found by contacting the Highway Manager for the Dartford Borough, Andrew Walters.

Details of Scheme	Status
THERE ARE NO PROJECTS OF THIS TYPE TO REPORT	

Appendix I – Road Markings

This year will see the commencement of a multi-year strategic lining programme for the renewal of road markings, focusing initially on the Resilient Highway Network and A road network, with a view to expanding this to the B road network in time (dependent on funding).

A five-year programme has been developed, and will be reviewed and sense checked annually, with input from local district teams to ensure this programme remains sensitive to local requirements.

The delivery of these schemes is weather dependent; should it prove not possible to carry out these works on the planned dates, new dates will be arranged.

Road Marking Renewal Programme – *Contact Officer: Jonathan Dean*			
Road Name	**Parish/Town**	**Extent of Works**	**Current Status**
B260 Green Street Green Road	Darenth	From New Barn Road to Darenth Hill	Complete

Legal Implications

1.1.1 Not applicable.

1.2 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.2.1 Not applicable.

1.3 Risk Assessment

1.3.1 Not applicable.

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